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FM AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE

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C O N F I D E N T I A L SINGAPORE 3751

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SREF, SN

SUBJ: VIETNAMESE ABOARD CAPE ERIMO

REFS: A. STATE 194693; B. STATE 194698; C. SINGAPORE 3713

1. ACCORDING MISS FRASER OF UNHCR OFFICE IN KUALA LUMPUR, UNHCR REP SAMPAKUMAR HAS NOT YET DELIVERED SPECIAL UNHCR APPEAL (CITED UNNUMBERED PARA 2 REF A) TO GOS AND GOM REQUESTING COUNTRIES WHERE REFUGEES LAND IN SEARCH OF ASYLUM TO RECEIVE SUCH REFUGEES, AT LEAST ON TEMPORARY BASIS (HOWEVER, SAMPAKUMAR HAS ADVOCATED THIS POSITION WITHOUT SUCCESS IN PREVIOUS BOAT CASES). MISS FRASER SAID SAMPAKUMAR ADVISED HE WAS EXPECTING MESSAGES FROM UNHCR OFFICE IN GENEVA TO ARRIVE AT K.L. OFFICE ON AUGUST 9 OR 10 WHICH HE PLANNED TO TRANSMIT TO GOS AND GOM.

2. EMBASSY DELIVERED AUGUST 6 TEXT OF U.S. REPLY TO UNHCR PROPOSAL (REF B) TO MFA OFFICIAL. EMBOFF INFORMED MID-LEVEL MFA OFFICIAL THAT USG PLANNED TO COOPERATE AS FULLY AS POSSIBLE WITH UNHCR PROPOSAL. MFA OFFICIAL LISTENED TO EMBOFF'S PRESENTATION AND ACCEPTED PAPER WITHOUT COMMENT, OBSERVING ONLY THAT HE WAS NOT FAMILIAR WITH SUBJECT.

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3. CAPE ERIMO HAS NOT YET LEFT SINGAPORE AREA. AGENTS HAVE

REPORTEDLY SENT MESSAGE TO YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC ASKING WHETHER SHIP'S CARGO COULD BE DISCHARGED AT HODEIDA IF REFUGEES STILL ABOARD. AGENTS ALSO CONSIDERING TRANSFERRING REFUGEES TO SMALLER VESSEL WHICH WOULD REMAIN OUTSIDE SINGAPORE HARBOR UNTIL FINAL DECISION CONCERNING REFUGEES IS REACHED.

4. EMBASSY HAS ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS CONVEYED IN FIRM TERMS U.S. POLICY RE GUARANTEES AS SET FORTH PARA ONE REF A TO BOTH UNHCR OFFICE AND GOS, AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO AS APPROPRIATE.
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